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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH NATHAN RA'ANAN

1. A LABOR PARTY SOURCE (NATHAN RA'ANAN, EX-SECRETARY OF THE YOUNG GUARD) TOLD EMBOFF MAY 4 THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES SHOULD BE EXPECTED DUE TO THE REPLACEMENT OF RABIN BY PERES AS HEAD OF THE PARTY. AS PERES TOLD MAPAM, HE SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE LABOR PARTY CONVENTION (ON TERRITORIAL ISSUES AND PEACE NEGOTIATIONS). "WHAT ELSE CAN HE DO?" RA'ANAN ASKED..ACCORDING TO RA'ANAN--WHO PREFERRED RABIN TO PERES--THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT LABOR PARTY INFIGHTING AGAINST PERES, AND MOST FORMER RABIN SUPPORTERS HAVE PUT THE PAST BEHIND THEM.

2. RA'ANAN PREDICTED THAT THE LABOR PARTY WILL POLL BETWEEN 45-50 SEATS IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. HE GAVE THE DMC ONLY 7 OR 8 BUT ADDED THAT EVEN IF THEY
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RECEIVED MORE AND COULD JOIN WITH THE ALIGNMENT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT,SUCH A GOVERNMENT WOULD LAST ONLY A FEW MONTHS. HIS REASONING WAS THAT IT WOULD BE TO LABOR'S ADVANTAGE TO CALL FOR NEW ELECTIONS, SAY IN DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR. IF IT HAD A POOR RECORD IN THE MAY ELECTIONS, THE LIKUD WOULD BE UNABLE TO HOLD TOGETHER FOR A QUICK SECOND ELECTORAL ROUND, AND THE

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LIBERAL PARTY WING WOULD BOLT. "I HAVE SEEN DOCUMENTS SHOWING THAT THE LIBERALS ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET OUT OF LIKUD," HE SAID. "BESIDES, SIMCHA EHRLICH WANTS TO BE A MINISTER, AND THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN SO LONG AS HE STAYS WITH LIKUD." AN ALIGNMENT COALITION WHICH INCLUDED THE LIBERALS WOULD BE MORE NATURAL THAN ONE WITH THE DMC AND/OR NRP ACCORDING TO RA'ANAN.

3. COMMENTING ON THE MEANING OF A PERES REMARK YESTERDAY THAT "ISRAEL HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM AN ENFOCED SOLUTION" RA'ANAN GAVE IT NO EXTERNAL SIGNIFICANCE. "PERES IS WOOING THE DOVES, COMPETING WITH ALLON TO BE MORE DOVISH THAN EBAN."

4. COMMENT: RA'ANAN CLAIMS THAT HE HAS BEEN PUSHING THIS SECOND ELECTION SCENARIO WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.IT IS INTRIGUING THAT JUST PRIOR TO PERES' REPLACEMENT OF RABIN, RA'ANAN STATED THAT PERES HIMSELF HAD FINALLY BECOME CONVINCED OF THIS LOGIC.ANOTHER EARLY ELECTION WOULD, OF COURSE, FIT IN NICELY WITH THE DMC'S PROGRAM--BUT ONLY IF ELECTORAL REFORM CAME FIRST.
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